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From: Jimmy Tobias
Sent: Tue 8/11/2015 7:05:29 PM
Subject: Re: Press Inquiry re: Abandoned Mines

Hi Jennifer,

Thanks so much for writing. My questions are listed below:

- 1) What does EPA's Abandoned mine Lands Team do? What are the team's primary responsibilities and activities?
- 2) Roughly how much does EPA spend a year on abandoned mine lands reclamation and clean up? Roughly what percentage of EPA's budget is spent on reclaiming or cleaning up abandoned or inactive mines?
- 3) Roughly how many abandoned or inactive mines does EPA reclaim or clean up each year?
- 4) Roughly how many abandoned or inactive mines are there across the United States?
- 5) Does EPA have an estimate of how many river miles are impacted by acid mine drainage from abandoned or inactive mines in the United States. Put another way, roughly what percentage of this country's waterways are impacted in some way by pollution from abandoned or inactive mines? Roughly what percentage of the American West's waterways are impacted by pollution from abandoned or inactive mines?
- 6) What role has EPA played in cleaning up abandoned mine lands in the Animas River watershed in particular and the San Juan mountains in general?

Those are all my questions, though I was wondering if it might be possible to speak with someone from the agency's Abandoned Mine Lands Team. If that is a possibility please let me know.

Thanks again for writing, and I look forward to speaking with you!

Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

On Tue, Aug 11, 2015 at 11:41 AM, Colaizzi, Jennifer C. <Colaizzi.Jennifer@epa.gov> wrote:

Jimmy:

Can you send me some questions you want addressed?

Cheers,
Jennifer

From: Jimmy Tobias [<mailto:jtoby87@gmail.com>]
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Dear Robert,

I am a reporter working for Outside Magazine on a story about abandoned mines in the West and their impact on waterways, wildlife and public health. I was hoping you or one of your colleagues at EPA might be available to speak with me sometime today or tomorrow at the latest. I have a few general questions about the issue of abandoned mines and acid mine drainage.

Please let me know if you are available to speak with me. My contact information is below.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Tobias

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